

City of Deer Park **Messenger**

Winter 2016

Deer Park to Celebrate 125 Years



The community is invited to celebrate Deer Park's 125th birthday in 2017. Plans are under way for a yearlong celebration to mark the occasion. It's our opportunity to tell Deer Park's story and dem-

onstrate the significant impact it had on Texas history. What makes Deer Park special? Be a part of the celebration and find out! In the coming year, visit our website at www.deerparktx.gov and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/deerparktx for details on events and activities as they come to fruition.

Read about Deer Park's history in the upcoming spring 2017 issue of the *Messenger*.



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Tree Lighting Spectacular

Join us for the Annual Tree Lighting Spectacular. Bring the whole family to the Court and Theatre Building at 1302 Center St., on Dec. 2 from 5 to 6:15pm to enjoy performances by the Deer Park High School Swing Choir, San Jacinto Elementary Choir, REACTION, Art Park Singers, and much more. Buddy the Elf and his friends, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Santa will be there, too! Mrs. Clause will be serving Christmas cookies and the elves will have several work stations for you to enjoy. There will even be a station to write letters to Santa! You can then send your letters via our Santa Mailbox, which makes deliveries to the North Pole every night. Photos



with Santa and homemade wassail served by members of the Historical Committee will be offered at Patrick's Cabin starting at 5pm. Concessions and booths for holiday shoppers will be located in the lobby of the Court and Theatre Building. To officially kick off the holiday season, Deer Park Mayor and City Council will be lighting the tree at 6pm. It is holiday fun for the whole family. You don't want to miss it!

Santa is Coming

Every December, members of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department escort Santa on a fire truck through the neighborhoods of our city. Beginning Wednesday, December 14 and continuing through Saturday, Dec. 17, Santa will tour the town from 6pm to 9:30pm each night. So, when you hear the sirens and music playing, you'll know Santa is coming!

This hometown tradition began with



a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters 32 years ago. This is a very special event for children and adults alike. Once Santa's route is finalized, the schedule will be posted at www.dpvfd.org.

General Information

Elected Officials

Jerry Mouton, Jr.	Mayor
Sherry Garrison	Council Member - Position 1
Thane Harrison	Council Member - Position 2
Tommy Ginn	Council Member - Position 3
Bill Patterson	Council Member - Position 4
Ron Martin	Council Member - Position 5
Rae A. Sinor	Council Member - Position 6

Contact the Mayor and members of City Council by e-mail at cityhall@deerparktx.org.

Department Directors

James J. Stokes	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson	Assistant City Manager
Sandra Watkins	City Secretary
Donna Todd	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen	Director, Public Works
Scott E. Swigert	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool	Director, Library
Robert Hemminger	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg	Chief of Police
James Lewis	Director, Information Technology

Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox	City Attorney
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City Facilities

Animal Shelter	281-478-7274	4213 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theatre	281-478-7288	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center	281-478-7216	601 W. 8 th Street
Battleground Golf Course	281-478-2080	1600 Georgia
City Hall	281-479-2394	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center	281-478-2060	4200 Kalwick
Community Center	281-478-2050	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1	281-478-2043	1302 Center
Fire Station #2	281-478-7282	711 E. Pasadena Blvd.
Fire Station #3	281-478-7281	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center	281-478-2049	500 W. 13 th Street
Kingsdale Center	281-478-7215	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center	281-478-7276	1201 Center
Municipal Court	281-478-7238	1302 Center
Police Station	281-479-1511	2911 Center
Public Library	281-478-7208	3009 Center
Swimming Pool	281-478-2055	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station	281-478-7213	610 Underwood
Visitors Center	832-780-0973	203 Ivy Ave., Suite 606

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December

- 3 Siren Test 12pm
- 5 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 10 Siren Test 12pm
- 17 Siren Test 12pm
- 19 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 20 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 23 City Services Closed - Christmas Holiday
- 24 Siren Test 12pm
- 26 City Services Closed - Christmas Holiday
- 31 Siren Test 12pm

January

- 2 City Services Closed - New Year's Holiday
- 3 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 7 Siren Test 12pm
- 9 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 14 Siren Test 12pm
- 16 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 17 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21 Siren Test 12pm
- 24 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 28 Siren Test 12pm

February

- 4 Siren Test 12pm
- 6 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 7 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 11 Siren Test 12pm
- 18 Siren Test 12pm
- 20 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 25 Siren Test 12pm
- 28 LEPC Meeting - 11am



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Fire Department

Christmas Tree & Lighting Safety

- If you opt to purchase a live tree, be sure the tree is healthy, green, and does not shed needles when tapped on the ground. The needles should be hard to pull off the branches and not break when bent. To keep a tree fresh, cut a few inches off the trunk to expose live wood and set it in a tree stand filled with water. Monitor the water levels periodically and refill as needed. When a tree loses a large amount of needles, it is an indication that the tree is dried out, which is a fire hazard.
- If you decide to purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled fire resistant.
- Select a location for your tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and heat vents. Please do not block doorways either.
- Inspect strings of lights for frayed wires, loose connections, areas lacking insulation around the wires, and broken or cracked light sockets.
- Replace all burned out bulbs.
- When purchasing lights, look for an inspection label from an independent testing laboratory.
- Place strings of lights on a non-flammable surface, plug them in, and wait 10 to 15 minutes to ensure the lights are working properly.
- Use only indoor lights on your Christmas tree. Outdoor lights may be larger or burn at a hotter temperature.
- Use LED lighting whenever possible because they are brighter and produce minimal heat.



- Do not link more than 3 strings of lights together unless the packaging on all three strings indicates that it is safe to do so.
- Turn off Christmas tree lights when you are asleep or away from home.

S. A. M.



The Deer Park Fire Marshal's Office introduced their newest mascot, S. A. M., to Deer Park City Council on October 3, 2016. S. A. M. (Smoke Alarm Man) portrays a smoke detector that helps promote the importance of smoke detectors in homes and businesses. He joined Sparky and participated in several activities during Fire Prevention Week this year. For more information, call 281-478-7291.

Streetlights

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout our area. To report a street light outage, call 713-207-2222 or visit www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/support/streetlight. You will be asked to provide the 6-digit stenciled number on the pole to identify the exact location of the pole with the issue.



Drive Safely

The City of Deer Park prohibits the use of wireless communication devices while driving. Please use your cell phone in hands-free mode if you must use it. Keep in mind that school is in session, so drivers must remain alert. Many children will be riding their bicycles or walking to and from school.



Code of Ordinances

The City of Deer Park contracts with Municipal Code Corporation to make the City Code of Ordinances available online. By following the link on our website, you can access our code and also that of other cities across Texas and the United States. The search engine will allow you to search by topic. Go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code*, and then follow the link.

DPTV



Texas Parks & Wildlife is a weekly outdoors/nature series focusing on the incredible diversity of wildlife, scenic locations, and fascinating characters that make Texas unique. Watch new episodes on DPTV every Monday at 2:30pm. The episode repeats on Friday at 9:30am. DPTV is available on Comcast channel 16, Comcast digital channel 99, and AT&T U-verse channel 99.

Public Works

Flood Map Information

To view the flood maps and determine the flood zone your property is in, call 281-478-7239, go to <http://maps.riskmap6.com/TX/Harris/>, or visit the Public Works Dept. at city hall.



Prevent Clogged Drains and Sewer Overflows

Disposing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down your household fixtures can be a health hazard, cause an unwelcome clogged sink or toilet, and cost you and your city lots of money.

Blockages account for 43% of all sanitary sewer overflows. You should avoid sending any foreign material down your sewer pipes, including paper products, wood, metal, and toys. The worst items to send down the drain are, of course, fats, oils, and grease. FOG solidifies in the lines of the collection system and form large chunks that get stuck or build up on the walls of the pipes, thus narrowing the lines headed to the treatment plant. A blockage of the collection system could cause sanitary sewer overflow, in which the sewer overflows and spills into ditches, the ship channel, and the bay. It could also cause the sewer system to backup into your yard and home. Untreated wastewater can be quite costly to clean up and can cause serious health issues for

you and the surrounding community, including killing fish in our waterways.

Instead of pouring your cooking oil and grease into the sink drain, place them in a container with a tight sealing lid. Once your used grease solidifies, place it in a trash bag. Liquid oil and grease can be placed in a container, such as an old milk carton, and placed at the street curb with your normal household trash. The city will collect your used motor oil and cooking oil. For residents who compost, used cooking oil is biodegradable and can be added to your compost piles.

A common misconception that can lead to the discharge of FOG into the system is running hot water and slowly pouring FOG down the drain so it does not cause a blockage. If the fats, oils, and grease make it through your lines to the main line, which is not likely due to the FOG cooling too fast, the blockage will be building downstream from your connection.

Please properly dispose of FOG and do not send it into the lines of the collection system. Your participation can save money and prevent backups into homes.

Sewer Issues

Call the Public Works Dept. at 281-478-7270 if you have a sewer problem. A work request will be issued to have our sewer maintenance crew stop by and check to see if the issue is on the city's side of the property line. If the problem is on the city's side, the city will make the repairs at no cost to the homeowner. If it is discovered that the issue is on the homeowner's side, you will be noti-

fied to contact a plumber. It's best to check with us first.

Clogs or blockages in a sewer line can be caused by materials settling in the pipe. They can occur in the city's main sewer line or in a private sewer service line, which the property owner owns and maintains. The private line, also known as the lateral line, connects your home or building to the public sewer system. The wastewater coming from your sink, shower, toilet, dishwasher, and washing machine flows through the lateral line to the public sewer system. Lateral lines can be blocked or obstructed by items flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain, as well as tree roots and other obstructions.

City Projects

- *Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, Phase I* - This project is identified in the 10-year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan and is split into two phases. In May 2013, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with CDM Smith for the design of Phase I. Phase I has been awarded to CSA Construction for \$4,908,600. Construction for Phase I began in June 2015 and is almost complete. Construction for Phase II is anticipated to begin in 2017 and continue through 2019. The project is being funded with Certificates of Obligation.
- *Police Firing Range and Classroom* - In Nov. 2014, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with Griggs Group, Inc. (G2) for the design of the Deer Park Police Firing Range and Classroom.

Public Works

On July 6, 2015, the CCPD Board authorized staff to approach City Council to begin the bid process. Unfortunately, the bids received exceeded available funding. The project was redesigned and went out for rebid in early 2016. On April 5, 2016, the project was awarded to IKLO Construction in the amount of \$1,881,500. The facility is currently under construction and being funded with CCPD funds.

- *Concrete Ring Road at the City Maintenance Facility on Luella Ave.* - City Council approved \$200,000 in the 2015-2016 fiscal budget to construct a concrete ring road that will connect the existing driveways at the city maintenance facility on Luella Ave. The project was awarded to Construction Diversity Group in the amount of \$168,186.79 and has been completed.
- *Bayou Street Drainage Outfall* - On June 7, 2016, City Council approved the purchase of services from Midas Utilities, through The Interlocal Purchasing System, to perform the Bayou Street Drainage project. The cost of the project is \$183,540 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.
- *Water Line Improvements, Hillshire Dr. & Estate Dr.* - On Aug. 16, 2016, City Council approved the purchase of services from Vaught Services, through The Interlocal Purchasing System, to perform water line improvements on Hillshire Drive and Estate Drive. The project will be funded by Capital Improvement Bond Funds. The cost of the project is \$649,797.75 and is expected

to be completed by the end of 2016.

- *Destiny Detention Pond Rehabilitation* - On Oct. 3, 2016, City Council awarded this project to Great Bear Construction in the amount of \$58,436.12. The project involves regrading the detention pond at the corner of Chandler Lane and Pasadena Boulevard to improve drainage in the area. The project is expected to be completed in the 1st quarter of 2017.
- *Construction of new Animal Shelter* - In July 2015, City Council approved using funds from Certificates of Obligation for the construction of a new animal shelter and equipment. A Request for Qualifications was issued and reviewed by a selection committee of 7 members. City Council authorized city staff to negotiate a contract with Quorum Architects, Inc. for professional design services. Later this year, Quorum Architects will present City Council with their proposed plans for the new shelter. The city has allocated \$2.8 million from the sale of Certificates of Obligation for the project.
- *New City Hall* - The City is now under contract with cre8 Architects to design the new city hall. The building will be built on the vacant property east of the existing city hall. After the construction of the new building, the existing building will be demolished. The project is currently in the design phase.
- *Street Replacement Project* - In November 2015, the City received \$7.5 million from the sale of Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation, of which \$4.7

million was allocated for street reconstruction projects. These funds, along with \$1,718,148 in the Capital Improvement Funds (FY 2016-2017) will fund this project. The Street Replacement Project includes Baron Lane, Cork Lane, Dahlia Lane, Ember Lane, Fleet Lane, Glacier Lane, Hastings Lane, Iris Lane, Justin Lane, Kelvin Lane, Amherst Lane, Brown Lane, West 9th Street from Boston Avenue to Center Street, and West 12th Street from the dead end to Center Street.

Resident Reminder

Trees on your property must be trimmed and maintained to allow a 14-foot clearance over city streets and an 8-foot clearance over public sidewalks. This ordinance enables vehicles and pedestrians to pass through without hitting any low hanging tree limbs. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Agenda & Minutes

To view City Council agendas and meeting minutes or to listen to audio recordings of past meetings, go to www.deerparktx.gov and click on the *Agenda & Minutes* icon in the middle of the webpage.

Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Dept. is currently recruiting citizens for the 35th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on February 23, 2017 and meet every Thursday, 6:30-9:30pm, until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work.

Classes include hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations, communications, and many other topics. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park.

Graduates are encouraged to join the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members continue to interact with the police department in a number of capacities.

The academy is provided free of charge. For more information, contact Sheila Plovanich at 281-930-2118 or splovanich@deerparktx.org.

Reduce False Alarms

Law Enforcement personnel respond to thousands of false alarm calls yearly. These unnecessary responses result in an enormous burden in manpower and expense. The Deer Park Police Department, in association with CryWolf®, invite you to be a partner in our efforts to reduce false alarms. Simply register or renew your alarm system and access our False Alarm Prevention Tips and Frequently Asked Questions at www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx. Reducing the number of false

alarms will allow our first responders to be available for higher priority calls and crime reduction efforts. For more information, send an e-mail to deerparktx@publicsafetycorp.com or call 1-855-905-0611. You can also contact us at Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program, P. O. Box 844908, Dallas, TX 75284-4908.

Shop Safely

During the holiday season, shopping online and in stores generally increases for many of us. Remember to protect yourself and your valuables when you're shopping, whether shopping online from the comfort of your own home or you are out at the retail stores.

Online Shopping

When shopping online, use a trusted website rather than relying on the search engine for suggestions. Amazon.com is a secure website and carries just about everything you could want. Most major retail stores have websites that will be secure. When shopping online, never make a purchase from a site that does not have SSL (Secure Sockets Layer). You will know if the site has SSL because the URL for the website will start with HTTPS:// instead of HTTP://. Also, an icon of a locked padlock will appear in the status bar at the bottom of your web browser or next to the URL in the address bar.



Be cautious when providing personal information online when making purchases. The online store does not need your social security number or birth date to process the purchase. For information on

online scams to avoid, use a search engine like Google or Yahoo to find *McAfee's 12 Scams of Christmas*.

Local Retail Shopping

People who prefer to shop at retail stores instead of online still need to be cautious. If you carry a purse or wallet, do not take your social security card and all of your credit cards with you. Minimize the number of items you carry to only the credit cards you will be using and your driver's license. Men should keep their wallet in their front pocket and not their back pocket.

Keep your packages with you until you are ready to leave the shopping center, or at a minimum, lock the packages in the trunk of your car. While shopping, be careful about placing items in your vehicle and then walking to another store. There may be criminals in the parking lot waiting for opportunities to take your purchases after you load up your car and walk away. Park in a well-lit area of the parking lot and be aware of your surroundings. Always have your keys out and be ready to unlock your vehicle when you walk across the parking lot.

Social Media During the Holidays

Social media has become a part of daily life for many. Social media can be a useful tool for staying in contact with friends and family. However, keep in mind that there are downfalls to using social media so be cautious of the details you post. Do not post when you will be out of town. You are informing everyone that your house will be empty. When you travel, wait until you get back home to post your photos. Also, do not post images

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of the Christmas gifts you receive. You are tempting criminals with the valuables in your home.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are 2 of the busiest social media times of the year. People post pictures and videos of events, resolutions, and goals for the new year. Use caution when taking pictures or videos at events where adult beverages are consumed. Be cognizant that your supervisor, co-workers, and family members will likely see the posts and the result may not be what you intended. It is best not to post on social media if you are under the influence.

Posting pictures is not the only way to create issues for yourself. Be savvy and aware of social media check-ins. A check-in allows a person to use the GPS on a mobile phone and announce his or her exact current location.

Don't friend, follow, and collect contacts indiscriminately. There are many criminals creeping on social media for no other reason than to locate victims.

You've done well if you've gone to great lengths to control the information available on your page. However, your friends may be so excited about spending the day with you that they tag you at a location with them or share pictures from your day. If your social media friends are tag-happy, then you may still find yourself in a tough situation one day. Be sure to use your social media accounts properly and frequently monitor what your friends post about you.

Economic Development

Business News

- *1000 Degrees Pizza* is now open at 8035 Spencer Highway (new retail center next door to Smashburger), serving "create your own" Neapolitan pizzas. Their authentic Neapolitan pizza dough is hand-tossed, never frozen and topped with your choice of the highest quality imported ingredients. Your pizza is baked to perfection in less than 2 minutes inside their state-of-the-art oven.
- *NOLA Poboy's* is now open at 3709 Center St. (former location of Bull-ritos), serving authentic New Orleans-style poboy sandwiches and other southern dishes.
- *The Vapor Reserve* recently opened in Deer Park at 3302 Center St. (behind Walgreens in the FoodTown shopping center), offering quality electronic cigarettes, consumables, and liquids. Owner Jessie Frazier opened the store with the goal of helping people stop their addiction to nicotine, promising he can do it in a matter of days with no withdrawals or side effects. For more information, call 281-570-4553 or go to The Vapor Reserve Deer Park Facebook page.
- It was five years ago that Julia Douglass Meadows opened the *Meadows Counseling Center* at 4650 Center St. (in the same building as Grisham & Associates Properties). The center offers a wide range of counseling services, including anger and stress management, marriage counseling, treatment for depression, anxiety and loss,



adolescent issues, behavioral therapy for autism, hypnotherapy and more. Services are provided to children, ages 3 & over, adolescents, adults, and families. Julia accepts most insurance plans, and offers evening and Saturday appointments. For more information, call 832-794-0646 or go to www.meadowscounselingcenter.com.

- *The Gun Cleaners* is now open at 2816 Center Street (former location of Barbie Bowtique). Deer Park native and owner, Ben Whitfield, recently retired from a long, successful Army career. He offers concealed permit classes, training, home security, firearm sales, servicing, and custom engraving. Ben says that he will have the lowest prices around. Follow him on Facebook at Texas Concealed Handguns or call 832-414-9739.
- *Eclipse Massage & Spa* at 4321 Center Street has expanded its space and services by renovating the building's second floor. New services now offered in the upstairs expansion include Thai Massage, Lomi Lomi, and ionic foot detox.



For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld at 281-478-2042 or go to www.deerparktx.gov/ed.

Facebook



The City of Deer Park is on Facebook! To connect, go to www.deerparktx.gov/facebook.

Library News

Friends of the DPPL

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library support programs for children, teens, and adults, as well as provide prizes for the summer reading programs. Following the 2012 expansion, the Friends purchased and dedicated The Reading Tree for children of all ages to enjoy. In 2015, the Friends installed a display case to commemorate the library's 50th anniversary. Pick up a copy of the *Off the Shelf* newsletter for the Friends' latest news and announcements or go to www.deerparktx.gov/library to view a copy of the newsletter online. Patrons who wish to support the library are encouraged to join Friends. Annual membership dues begin at \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for senior citizens. For more information, call 281-478-7208.

Featured Fridays

The Deer Park Public Library hosts Featured Friday, a monthly series for adults offering a variety of lectures, movies, and special cultural, historical and local interest programs. Many of the guest speakers are college professors with connections to the Deer Park community. Previous Featured Friday topics included Sam Houston's leadership abilities, the history of the Battle of Texas, and working for the Houston Astros.

December 16, 11am: The Real History of Krampus

Featured Friday will kick off the new year with Council Member Sherry Garrison's presentation on Simeon West, the



founder of Deer Park, on January 13 at 11am. This presentation will be a part of the city's quinquennial (125th) celebration. For more details, call 281-478-7208.

Spring Break at DPPL

Join us at the library during spring break week for fun and games! Beginning on March 13, there will be special programs for children and families. For more information, visit our website at www.deerparktx.gov/library, find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, or stop by at the library to pick up a brochure in February.



Infant Lapsit Storytime

For ages 0 to 2

Wednesdays, 10:15am

Dec. 7 & 14, Jan. 4-Feb. 22

Storytime for infants features songs, nursery rhymes, socialization opportunities, and so much more! Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the child to help them participate.

Toddler Storytime

For ages 2 to 3½

Thursdays, 10:15-10:45am

Dec. 1 & 8, Jan. 5-Feb. 23

The sessions are designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the toddler to encourage them to participate.

Preschool Storytime

For ages 3½ to 6

Thursdays, 11am

Dec. 1 & 8, Jan. 5-Feb. 23

Storytime incorporates books,

fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. In these sessions, children listen to stories and participate in group activities.

A special *Holiday Storytime* session for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will be offered on *December 15 from 10:15am to 11:30am*. Refreshments will be served. Santa will be making an appearance so don't forget your camera!

Winter Craft

For ages 5-12

Dec. 13, 3:30-4:30pm

Materials to assemble the craft are provided to children free of charge. Children will have the option of choosing a craft appropriate for their skill level.

Lunar New Year Craft

For ages 5-12

Jan. 24, 3:30-4:30pm

Gung hay fat choy! Welcome to the Year of the Rooster! The Lunar New Year begins on January 28. Children will create a craft for the Lunar New Year using materials provided.

Valentine's Day Craft

For ages 5-12

Feb. 7, 3:30-4:30pm

Materials to assemble the craft are provided to children free of charge. Children will have the option of choosing a craft appropriate for their skill level.

Matinée Movies

Thursdays, 4pm

Stop by after school for a movie and popcorn! Contact the library at 281-478-7208 for movie titles and suggested age ratings.

Library News

Teen Time

For ages 12 & over

Wednesdays, 3:45-5:45pm

Teens will enjoy socializing, making crafts, and a little friendly competition at video gaming, board games, and card games. Free snacks are provided by the Friends of the Library. On Dec. 21, Teen Time will offer extended hours from 1-4pm.

T. A. B. Meeting

For ages 12-18

1st Tuesday of the month, 4:15-5:15pm

Join the Teen Advisory Board and help plan for teen programs. Discuss reading trends and make suggestions for the teen collection. If you are interested, contact Robert at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or pick up a form at the library.

Teen Mystery Dinner

For school-aged teens

Feb. 2, 4-6pm

At this dinner, everyone is a suspect, even you! Participants will be given clues to solve the mystery while enjoying a barbecue dinner provided by the Friends of the Library. Registration starts Jan. 3.

Mysteries & More Book Club

The book club's name has changed to reflect the broader selection of books to be discussed. Meetings will continue to be every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Discussions will be about books from a variety of genres. Future book titles will be selected at upcoming meetings. Registration is not required. You are welcome to come whether you have read the books or not. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call 281-478-7208.

Dec. 13 - No book selections. It

will be a meeting to discuss favorite books in 2016.

Jan. 10 - Crime Fiction, *The Silk-worm* by Robert Galbraith (also known as J. K. Rowling)

Feb. 14 - Cozies for Valentine's Day, *Death before Wicket: A Phyrne Fisher Mystery* by Kerry Greenwood & *Royal Blood* by Rhys Bowen

Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but registration is required. Open lab sessions are also available.

- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with computers and technical terminology, plus get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.
 - **Browsing the Web** - Learn the basic skills of browsing the world wide web. Topics include search engines, simple search techniques, security precautions, and the basics of e-mail.
 - **Using Social Networks** - Learn the basics of social networking sites and how they are used. Websites to be discussed include Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
 - **Microsoft Word 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of Word and learn how to create and edit basic Word documents, including resumes and letters.
 - **Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of Excel and learn how to create and edit basic spreadsheets, as well as use simple formulas and functions.
 - **Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of PowerPoint and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.
- **Open Lab Session** - One-on-one assistance for Microsoft Office programs, Windows 7, and more. Our staff can assist with document formatting and electronic resources.
 - **Basic Genealogy** - Learn how to use our genealogy resources to research your family history. Become familiar with Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online.
 - **Genealogy Lab** - One-on-one assistance in your search for family history. Basic Genealogy is a pre-requisite for this lab.
 - **Find a Job** - Become familiar with the resources available to assist you with exploring career opportunities, searching for jobs, creating or updating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and more.
 - **Keys for Career Seekers** - Discover online resources to assist you with each stage of the job search process. Use Career Cruising to search for jobs based on your skills and interests, or create a professional resume in Job & Career Accelerator, and even obtain information from popular career-oriented websites like LinkedIn and Glassdoor. Access the keys that will help unlock your potential as a candidate.

New Arrivals for Adults

December

- *Merry Christmas, Alex Cross* by James Patterson
- *Out of Bounds* by Val McDermid
- *Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis: The Vampire Chronicles* by Anne Rice

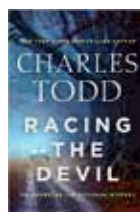
Library News

January

- *Knocked: A Regan Reilly Mystery* by Carol Higgins Clark
- *The Mistress* by Danielle Steel
- *Rather be the Devil* by Ian Rankin

February

- *Bone Box: A Decker/Lazarus Novel* by Faye Kellerman
- *Garden of Lamentations: A Novel* by Deborah Crombie
- *Echoes in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel* by J. D. Robb
- *Racing the Devil: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery* by Charles Todd



Library Hours

Mon. & Wed.
10am-6pm
Tues. & Thurs.
10am-9pm
Fri. & Sat.
10am-5pm

Maxwell Center

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for seniors, ages 55 & over. We offer several activities, including ceramics, woodworking, quilting, dominos, cards, oil painting, card making, scrapbooking, bingo, and much more. There's something for everyone! Call us for more details at 281-478-7276.



Homebound and Congregate Meals

Deer Park residents who are homebound and over the age of 55 may qualify for a meal delivery service coordinated through the Maxwell Senior Center. If you are a resident of Deer Park and over the age of 55 but are not homebound, you are welcome to participate in the congregate meals offered every weekday at the Maxwell Center.



Christmas Dinner

December 12, 6pm

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Celebrate Christmas blue suede shoe style! Join us for dancing, food, and good time. Participants must be 55 & over. The deadline to call and reserve your seat is December 5 at 5pm.



Jam Sessions

There is a new groove in town! The Maxwell Center offers free jam sessions every Friday at 3pm. You are welcome to bring your instrument or just come by to listen.

Max Shoppers

December 19

Have some last minute shopping to do? Ride with us to the Tanger Outlet Mall in Cypress. The van will leave the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 10am. Cost is \$2 per rider. For more information, call 281-478-7276.

Maxwell Travelers

Join us as we visit exciting destinations across the USA. For more information, call 281-478-7276.

- Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 8am, \$435 per person: *Biloxi, Mississippi & New Orleans, Louisiana*
- Mar. 29-Apr. 4, 8am, \$825 per person: *Washington, D.C.*

Emergency Alerts

Deer Park residents are encouraged to register for the city's emergency notification service. To add your contact information to the database, call 281-479-2394 or go to www.deerparktx.gov/oem, click on the Blackboard Connect icon, and then click on the one-step notification sign up icon.

Art Park Players

Louise McBea Circle of Life, Circle of Wreaths Fundraiser

Dec. 2, 6-9pm & Dec. 3, 6-8pm

Come shop for delightful treasures in the lobby of the Court & Theatre Building. You will also be amazed by the array of beautiful wreaths, each honoring someone who has had breast cancer, graciously donated by little angels in the community. The public is invited to participate in the silent auction for the wreaths. The winners will be announced at the end of the evening on Dec. 3. Last year, over 60 wreaths were donated. This year, we are hoping for more. If you are interested in donating a wreath, contact Susan Mele at 281-478-7288. All donations go to The Rose and are 100% tax deductible.



A Christmas to Remember

*Dec. 3, 6pm Meal, 7pm Show
\$25 Tickets*



This special yuletide musical feast features your favorite Christmas songs and holiday characters. Bring the whole family to this Christmas spectacular. Santa and his elves, as well as vendors and concessions, will be available in the lobby.



For more information, call 281-478-7288. To purchase tickets to any of our shows, call the Art Park Players Box Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions and auditions are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building located at 1302 Center St.



*Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25
7pm Meal, 8pm Show
Feb. 12 & 19
1pm Meal, 2pm Show*

This hootenanny of a musical is based on the "Chicken Ranch." Meet Miss Mona and witness her fight with a watchdog reporter to keep her corner of the community open for all hours. Watch as the sparks fly in a media frenzy and enjoy this hilarious classic.

Auditions

Dec. 6, 7pm

Bring a headshot, resume, and 32 bars of a song in the style of the show (sheet music or track). Be prepared to dance. If you are unable to attend the audition, please contact David Eck at deck@deerparktx.org to arrange an appointment. Due to the subject matter of this production, you must be 18 & over or provide written permission from a legal guardian.

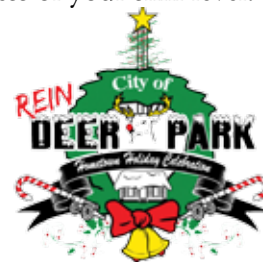
Online Payments

You can now pay for ambulance fees, retiree insurance, property taxes, court payments, water bills, and building permits online. Go to www.deerparktx.gov for details.

Parks & Recreation

Kicker Tuesday

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Dec. 6-27, Jan. 3-31 & Feb. 7-28, \$60 per month per individual, \$100 per month per couple, \$15 drop-in fee to be paid before class, Deer Park Community Center Learn to two-step and polka the modern way. Award winning, 5-star champion dancer, Steve Divekar of Dance Baytown and Amazing Dance Studio will lead you into a relaxing environment where you can enjoy yourself and learn quickly regardless of your skill level.



6th Annual Reindeer Park

Dec. 2, 6-9pm & Dec. 3, 4-8:30pm, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Join us for the 6th annual fun-filled 2-day event, Reindeer Park. There will be a Santa's Village with craft vendors, photos with Santa, Santa's Tree Farm, the Christmas tree lighting, snow areas and slides, the Reindeer Dash, and a lighted Christmas parade. The Art Park Players will provide entertainment inside the theatre. A shuttle service will be available from the Dollar General parking lot to the Jimmy Burke Activity Center and the Court & Theatre Building between 4 and 9pm on Dec. 3. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/reindeerpark.

Reindeer Dash

Dec. 3, 8am, \$10 per DPISD student, \$20 pre-registration or \$25 race day, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Add to the Reindeer Park fun and participate in the Reindeer Dash 5K

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run/walk on a cross country course led by Rudolph. We're raising money for families in need during the holiday season. Please note that awards will not be given nor will it be a chip-timed event.

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 10, 9-11am, \$10 per child, \$5 per adult, Deer Park Community Center Santa will stop by for breakfast before heading off to the North Pole to finish preparing for the big day. Children will enjoy making a wish list and holiday crafts. Participants will be served a McDonald's Big Breakfast. The event is limited to the first 50 children. Parents must also purchase a ticket to attend the event.

NRA's Eddie Eagle Gunsafe Program for Children

Dec. 13 & Feb. 7, 6-7pm, for ages 3-10, \$10 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Tania Weber This is the #1 gun accident prevention program in the nation. Children learn what to do if they ever come across a gun through four simple steps: Stop! Don't touch! Run away! Go tell a grown-up! This program includes watching a movie, storytime, a craft project for children, as well as a parent's guide to gun safety, and a certificate for the participant.

Santa Calling

Dec. 13 & 15, 6-8:30pm

Santa's phone call is free. It's intended for children who can hold a conversation and believe

in Santa Claus. Sign up forms can be obtained at



www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec or stop by the Deer Park Community Center. Submit completed forms to Tiffany at tramos@deerparktx.org.

Sleigh Ride

Dec. 14 - Group Night for clubs and organizations, Dec. 15, 16 & 17 - Family & Friends Nights (maximum of 10 seats can be reserved by 1 person), 1st ride is 6:15-7:30pm, 2nd ride is 7:15-8:30pm, \$5 per rider, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Join us for hot chocolate, cookies, and Christmas lights. Once again, we are

loading up the sleighs and enjoying Deer Park's holiday spirit! Reservations must be made in advance. Children must be accompanied by an adult and a waiver must be signed for each participant. Limit 60 participants per ride.

Art Park Dancers' Holiday Gala

The Art Park Dancers' Annual Holiday Gala is at 8pm on Dec. 16 at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building. The performance includes holiday-themed dance

Tiffany's Tips

Prepare for Winter

Cooler temperatures. Trees are dropping leaves. Plant growth is slowing down. It's time again to prepare plants for winter with a few easy steps.

- **Stop Fertilizing** - If you feed your plants now, they will produce tender growth that will likely be damaged by the cold, dry wind. Most plants will become dormant over the winter months and produce very little growth, if any. Lawns need extra potassium for the winter, but it must be applied in the fall. It is too late to apply lawn fertilizer in the winter.
- **Relocate Plants in Pots** - Plants in pots do not have insulation from the ground during freezing temperatures so they should be moved indoors. Ceramic pots are known for cracking during freezing temperatures.
- **Cover Your Plants** - If your plants are sensitive to cold weather, you can cover them with frost cloth. Drape the cloth completely over the plant so that it is touching the ground on all sides and trapping the heat that is released out of the soil. Dehydrated plants are more susceptible to frost damage. On nights when the temperature is expected to drop below freezing, moisten the soil (do not soak) so it retains more heat.
- **Lawn Equipment** - You will need to drain the gasoline out of the lawn mower or add fuel stabilizer. If you use the fuel stabilizer, be sure to run the mower for a few minutes to draw it into the carburetor.



Healthy Living

Slim Down Your Kitchen

Is your kitchen making it hard to stop overeating? Mindless eating, as defined by Weight Watchers, is eating food without paying adequate attention to what and how much is being eaten. According to Brian Wansink, PhD, the solution to mindless eating for many Americans is not being more mindful. His approach is to change your eating environment so you will eat less instead of more. For example, if you want to automatically eat better at home, change your habits at home and tweak your kitchen.



- Size and Color Matter - If the color of the plate matches the color of the food, you will likely serve yourself 18% more calories. Also, using 9 or 10-inch plates will help keep your portions small.
- Messy Counters - Studies show that the food that is visible and readily available is the food you will usually eat first. So, keep chips, bread, and cereal out of sight. Make it inconvenient for yourself and put foods that are off limits in a cabinet with a lock. Leave only the fruit bowl on the counter. If you're not willing to eat an apple when you're hungry, then you're probably not really hungry.
- Serve salads and vegetables before the main entrée.
- Keep precut fruits and vegetables in the middle tray of the refrigerator.
- Keep at least 6 single servings of protein, such as yogurt, eggs, string cheese, etc., in the refrigerator.
- Avoid keeping sodas in the refrigerator. Sodas are filled with empty calories.
- Refrain from using family style serving bowls at the table. Serve your portions at the stove so you'll be less likely to get up for seconds.
- Enjoy eating meals at the table with the television turned off.

Source: Idea Fitness Journal, www.idealife.com

routines and a preview of the 2017 competition routine. Purchase your tickets for \$5 each at the Deer Park Community Center starting Nov. 28. For additional information, please contact Alice Miller at amiller@deerparktx.org.

Youth & Family Painting

Dec. 16 & Jan. 13, 6:30-8pm, for ages 7 & over, \$25 per canvas, \$10 for each additional canvas per family, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Pam Gross Enjoy a night out with the family and take home a painted masterpiece. Pam will guide you step by step. No painting experience necessary. Parents of young children are asked to stay and help the children with their paintings. You are welcome to bring snacks. The class in December will be painting a snowman.

Market Days

Dec. 17, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 9am-1pm, Dow Park Stroll through Dow Park on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Market Days help support local businesses by allowing them to sell their ready-made or homemade items. There is always something for everyone! Parking is free for this event. Please contact Betty Geck at marketdays@yahoo.com if you wish to be a vendor.

Elf Camp

Dec. 19-22, 9am-5pm, for ages 6-12, \$90 per child for residents, \$100 per child for non-residents, Deer Park Community Center Parents, don't miss this chance to get all of your last minute Christmas shopping done. We've got a day filled with games, cooking, arts & crafts, and more. Limited to 25. Children must bring a sack lunch and snack.

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Christmas Art Program

Dec. 21, 9am-12pm, for ages 7-14, \$25 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Jo Perez Create 4 projects and then gift wrap them so they'll be ready to be put under the tree. Materials to be used include soft pastels, water colors, paints, and clay. Materials and snacks will be provided.

Archery Camp

Dec. 27-29, 10am-2pm, for ages 9-14, \$40 per child, Jimmy Burke Activity Center This is a crash course in Recurve Archery! Participants will learn foundational archery skills and about safety from U.S. Archery level 2 certified instructors. Archery instills confidence, increases attention span, and inspires a willingness to try other sports. Lunch is included.

Youth Basketball League

Season starts mid-Jan. 2017, for ages 7-12, \$75 per child The number of teams in the league are determined by the number of volunteer coaches who register for the season. Teams will be determined by a blind draft per age division, regardless of the school they attend. Each player receives a basketball jersey. Practices are twice a week. Games are held on Saturdays at a DPISD gym.



Roscoe's Fishing Adventure

Jan. 27, 4-8pm & Jan. 28, 10am-2pm, free for all ages, Dow Park Pool Join us for a fishing adventure at Dow Park Pool. We're partnering

with Texas Parks and Wildlife and stocking the pool with fish! You must register in person at the Deer Park Community Center. Jan. 27 is reserved for special populations, veterans, and their families. Jan. 28 is open to the general public.

Another Man's Treasure

Feb. 17, 7am-3pm & Feb. 18, 7am-2pm, Free admission and parking, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Discover your treasure at the citywide garage sale. Plan to shop for bargains or find out how to become a vendor. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrecreation or call 281-478-2050.

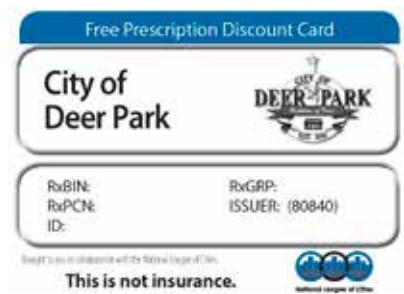
Silent Witness

The Silent Witness program allows citizens to voluntarily



register their exterior facing home surveillance cameras with the Deer Park Police Dept. in an effort to assist with solving crimes. When a crime occurs in the vicinity of a residence that has a registered camera, the investigator will make contact with the owner and ask to view their video in an attempt to identify the suspect. Knowledge of cameras in and around the city would save the DPPD valuable time during investigations and could help in apprehending offenders. The program is entirely voluntary and consent to view video footage from your camera could be withdrawn at any time.

Prescription Program



The City of Deer Park, in collaboration with the National League of Cities, offers a prescription discount card program that may save residents an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. The card is free to all Deer Park residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health insurance. For more information, call 888-620-1749 toll free or go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over *Our Community*, and click on *Prescription Discount Card Program*.

To access the program online, print a card, check drug prices, or locate participating pharmacies, visit www.caremark.com/nlc. Residents may also pick up a card at the City of Deer Park City Hall, Community Center, Public Library, Maxwell Adult Center, or Police Station.

This is not insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. By using this card, participants agree to pay the entire prescription cost less any applicable discount. Savings may vary by drug and pharmacy.

Adopt-a-Pet Program

Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Deer Park Animal Shelter after a holding period of 3 business days. There is a \$50 adoption fee, plus you must prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. To view the pets currently available for adoption, visit the shelter, located at 4213 Luella, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm or Sat., 8am-12pm, or go to www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter. For more information, call us today at 281-478-7274.



Employee Awards

July
Supervisor



Susan Mele
Parks & Recreation

July
Support Staff



Anne Marie Hunt
Police Department

August
Supervisor



Rene McBride
Parks & Recreation

August
Support Staff



Brandi Arevalo
Parks & Recreation

August
Field Service



Pat Cornor
Public Works

September
Supervisor



Jarrett Hill
Police Department

September
Support Staff



Kathy Holcomb
Public Works

September
Field Service



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Derrick Williams
Public Works

Council Actions

August 2016

- Accepted the proposed programming for the Deer Park Community Development Corporation funded Maxwell Center Renovation and Expansion and Parking Lot Expansion project.
- Accepted the Dow Park Pavilion concept conducted by Halff Associates, Inc.
- Authorized the sale of surplus equipment and miscellaneous items to be auctioned via the internet through Rene Bates Auctioneers.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's Quarterly Report for the period of April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016.
- Authorized the Police Department to donate expired body armor to the non-profit group, Armor of God Project.
- Approved the certification of the anticipated Tax Collection Rate.
- Approved Task Order No. 6 agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for architectural services for the Deer Park Community Development Corporation funded renovations of the girls' softball facilities at the Youth Sports Complex.
- Approved Task Order No. 4-B agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for architectural services for the Deer Park Community Development Corporation funded Maxwell Adult Center Renovation and Expansion and Parking Lot Expansion project.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the FY 2016-2017 Crime Control Prevention District budget.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the FY 2016-2017 Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District budget.
- Awarded the bid for the Maintenance Facility Paving Improvements project, which consists of a concrete connector road at the Luella Service Center, to Construction Diversity Group in the amount of \$168,186.79.
- Approved travel expenses for City Council to attend the 2016 Texas Municipal League Annual Conference in Austin, Texas on October 4 through 7, 2016.
- Approved travel expenses for City Council to attend the 2016 National League of Cities' City Summit Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 16 through 19, 2016.
- Accepted the completion of the South Plant Lift Station Force Main Upsize project. Final cost was \$898,756.54.
- Accepted the completion of the Ivy Street Water Line Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$267,512.55.
- Accepted the completion of the Ruth Minchen Athletic Complex Renovation project. Final cost was \$1,668,985.
- Accepted the completion of the 2016 Sidewalk project. Final cost was \$257,442.80.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Surface Water Treatment Plant, Replacement of the Electrical Switchgear.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Surface Water Treatment Plant, Backwash Station Improvements.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Destiny Subdivision Detention Pond Rehabilitation project.
- Approved a logo for the City of Deer Park's 125th Anniversary Celebration.
- Approved a purchase through the Interlocal Purchasing System for the services of Vaught Services, LLC to perform the water line improvement project on Hillshire Drive and Estate Drive in the amount of \$649,797.75.
- Approved an ordinance approving the FY 2016-2017 Deer Park Community Development budget.
- Approved an ordinance amending Appendix B Schedule of Fees for Emergency Medical Services.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget to include the cost of additional security measures at 3 fire stations in the amount of \$116,750.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for expansion of the city's wide area network (WAN) upgrade in the amount of \$41,932.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget to upgrade the audio/visual equipment in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the amount of \$32,640.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget to replace the insulation in the ducts and pipes at the Court and Theatre Building in the amount of \$35,000.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 Water & Sewer Fund budget for addi-

Council Actions

tional costs related to the South Plant Lift Station Force Main Upsize project in the amount of \$77,502.

- Approved an ordinance rescheduling the Oct. 4, 2016 regular City Council meeting to Oct. 3, 2016 at 7:30pm due to a conflict with the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget to replace the roof, skylights, side windows, and wing walls at the Court and Theatre Building in the amount of \$558,479.
- Approved an ordinance establishing a fee schedule for various inspections conducted by the Deer Park Fire Marshal's office.
- Approved an ordinance amending the part-time employee wage and classification scale.

September 2016

- Authorized the purchase of personal protective equipment from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist through BuyBoard in the amount of \$60,888.
- Approved the schedule for designation of Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Approved the casting of the City of Deer Park's vote in the election of members for the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Poll, Places 6-9.
- Approved the submittal of the 2016 Tax Roll and the calculation of the Effective Tax Rate and the Rollback Tax Rate.
- Approved an agreement amending the contract between the City of Deer Park and Emergicon, LLC.
- Approved a contract with Azalea Creek Catering for buffet style catering services for the Theater

Dept in Parks & Recreation.

- Approved an amendment to the Financial Management Policy.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation; approving the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement; and approving other matters incidental thereto.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement with Cencor Acquisition Company, Inc.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing concerning the substandard building, structure or premise located at 1242 Center Street.
- Approved an ordinance calling two public hearings on the proposed 2016 Tax Rate.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-180 Schedule I of the Code of Ordinances concerning changing the times for parking on San Augustine between Luella and Dunn Cir. to state that there shall be no parking on the north or south side of San Augustine from Luella Ave. west to the Deer Park city limits.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the third quarter ending June 30, 2016.
- Accepted the completion of the Coy Street Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$419,011.80.
- Authorizes staff to advertise and receive bids on the new Water & Sewer Maintenance Facility.
- Authorizes staff to advertise and receive bids on the new maintenance building at the Surface Water Treatment Plant.

- Authorized Flo Trend Systems to perform the Surface Water Treatment Plant emergency sludge removal.
- Approved the purchase of two transfer pump replacements at the Surface Water Treatment Plant from Smith Pump via the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative at a cost of \$39,204.
- Approved the services of Vaught Services, Inc. to perform the storm sewer improvements for Meadow Village Subdivision at a cost of \$71,285.
- Approved an amendment to the Lease Agreement related to the Battleground at Deer Park Golf Course and the Republic Grill with Touchstone Golf, LLC.
- Approved an agreement with CDM Smith for extended additional service proposal number two on Phase I of the Wastewater Plant renovations.
- Approved a resolution to transfer \$2,130,000 from the FY 2015-2016 fund balance in the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.
- Approved a resolution to commit \$500,000 of the FY 2015-2016 fund balance as an additional allocation for furnishings in the new city hall.
- Approved a resolution to restrict a portion of the unrestricted net assets in the Series 2002 – Texas Water Development Board Fund.
- Approved an annual review and ordinance adopting the city's Investment Policy.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the FY 2016-2017 budget.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the FY 2016-2017 Salary and Classification Scales.

Council Actions

October 2016

- Authorized a request from the Deer Park Fire Department and the Chief Building Official, and as a result of a Public Hearing, declared the building at 1242 Center Street to be substandard and hazardous to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens.
- Approved the 2016 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.
- Awarded the bid for the Destiny Detention Pond Rehabilitation project to Great Bear Construction in the amount of \$58,436.12.
- Authorized staff to apply to the Texas Historical Commission for the relocation of the Patrick Cabin Texas Historical Marker.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the FY 2015-2016 Third Quarter Ended June 30, 2016.
- Approved a contract for the repair of the Gateway Monument at the intersection of Center Street and Railroad Street to Hoggatt, LP in the amount of \$48,600.
- Approved an agreement with Binkley & Barfield, Inc. for professional engineering services for the 2016 Street Bond program.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District Board of Directors.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for major thoroughfare lane striping to include Georgia Ave., Luella Ave., 13th St., X St., San Augustine St., P St., and Pasadena Blvd.
- Accepted a grant award from the Texas Department of Public Safety Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to produce 10,000 copies of a new disaster preparedness booklet.
- Approved the purchase of new security gates for the Deer Park Police Department employee parking lot to Lone Star Fence in the amount of \$34,845.
- Approved the purchase of a ladder truck funded by the FCPEMSD from the Siddons-Martin Emergency Group through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$1,143,243.
- Approved an agreement with First Tee Greater Houston, Inc. for the Golf Programming Location Use Agreement at the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved a contract between the City of Deer Park and Emergency Communications Network, LLC for the CodeRED Emergency Notification Network.
- Approved an agreement with the Crime Control Prevention District for personnel, vehicles, facilities, equipment, and investments for FY 2016-2017.
- Approved an agreement with the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District for personnel, vehicles, facilities, equipment, and investments for FY 2016-2017.
- Appointed an alternate City of Deer Park representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 3 members of the Deer Park Community Development Corporation.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Deer Park, Texas, Certificates of Obligations, Series 2016-A.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 106-25 (b)(c) of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to water and sewer rates.
- Approved an ordinance amending Appendix B Schedule of Fees for the monthly drainage utility fee.

Recycle

We offer single-stream recycling at the transfer station! Residents can recycle their paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and metal cans by dropping them all into one single bin. Sorting your recyclables is no longer necessary. The guidelines to ensure that quality material goes into the recycling bins can be found at www.deerparktx.gov/recycle. When you recycle, be aware that food waste, plastic bags, and polystyrene foam cups and containers are not acceptable. Improper recycling can slow down the process or even ruin the entire load of recyclables. The Transfer Station is located at 610 Underwood Road and open Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm, and Saturday, 9am to 6pm. For more information, call 281-478-7213.



Register Today - Before a Storm is on its way!
Transportation Assistance Registry

If you will need help evacuating in the event of a hurricane, please dial 2-1-1 to register in advance for a ride. Dial 2-1-1 as soon as possible, if you:

- Have a disability or special health care need and require assistance to get out.
- Cannot drive and cannot arrange for transportation.
- Do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.

The 2-1-1 registration process gives local emergency planners a better idea of the number of individuals who may need assistance, and the type of assistance they may need. The State of Texas will provide your information back to local emergency planners so they can plan accordingly.

Once you are registered, your information is safe in the state database. There is no need to call either 2-1-1 or your local emergency management office back to verify registration. This includes people who registered last year. Unless there is a change to your information, you do not need to re-register.

You will need the following information to register:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number (There is only room for one number, so please give the best number to call.)
- Contact name
- Contact relationship (aunt, brother, son, friend, landlord, etc.)
- Contact phone number
- Do you need transportation? (yes or no)
- Do you have any pets or service animals? (yes or no)
- Do you have a special medical need? (Describe the type of need you have.)



Save Your Life. Dial 2-1-1 To Register In Advance For A Ride.

Report A Concern

To report a concern or issue that needs our attention, complete this form and return it to:
City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

You can also submit the appropriate form online at www.deerparktx.gov.

Together we can make Deer Park a better place!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

Location of concern: _____

Describe the issue: _____



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Merry Christmas

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Council Member Sherry Garrison

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Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Mayor Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Deer Park Mayor and City Council